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1. WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A RECENT U.S. NAVY SHIPS' VISIT TO BANDAR ABBAS, CONSULATE OFFICER WAS ABLE TO BRIEFLY REVIEW CURRENT PORT SITUATION WITH BANDAR ABBAS PORT DIRECTOR. THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION AT IRAN'S PORTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REF B ALSO HOLDS TRUE FOR BANDAR ABBAS. AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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VESSELS AWAITING BERTHS. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, 12 CHARTER VESSELS CARRYING FROZEN MEATS, VEGETABLES AND OTHER BULK CARGO STANDING BY WHILE CONSIGNEES MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO RECEIVE AND SHIP THE GOODS. THE REASONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT ARE SIMILAR TO THE ONES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IN KHORRAMSHAHR AND BANDAR SHAHPUR, I.E., A DECLINE IN SHIP ARRIVALS AND AN

IMPROVEMENT IN OFFLOADING CAPACITY. IN JANUARY APPROXIMATELY 24 SHIPS OFFLOADED AT BANDAR ABBAS COMPARED WITH 30 SHIPS IN DECEMBER. THE PROJECTION FOR FEBRUARY IS 23 SHIP ARRIVALS. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE VOLUME OF GOODS OFFLOADED AND CLEARED FROM THE PORT. DURING THE LAST IRANIAN MONTH (DEC. 22 THROUGH JAN. 20) A TOTAL OF 230,000 TONS OF GOODS WERE OFFLOADED. THE PORT DIRECTOR CLAIMS THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY CAPABLE OF OFFLOADING 10,000 TONS OF CARGO DAILY AND HOPE TO OFFLOAD 270,000 TONS DURING THE PRESENT IRANIAN MONTH (JAN. 21 THROUGH FEB. 19). PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS INCREASED OFFLOADING DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE EXCESSIVELY STRAINED THE PORT'S TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. CURRENTLY THERE ARE ABOUT 90,000 TONS OF CARGO SITTING IN THE PORT AREA WHICH COMPARES WITH THE 82,000 TONS REPORTED IN NOVEMBER (REF. A).
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